

TAFT'S PLANS FOR THE SOUTH

THE PROBLEM OF SPREADING
REPUBLICANISM THERE.

Attitude of Substantial Men of the South
Toward the Movement—Mr. Taft's
Object is to Lift Republicanism in
the South Above the Officeholders.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 28.—Mr. Taft's plans for the political regeneration of the South have passed beyond mere theory. The President-elect, when the proper time comes, will back up his campaign expressions of good will toward the South with action.

National Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock is to arrive to-morrow and he will be called upon for suggestions as to practical ways and means of carrying Republicanism into the South. John Hays Hammond, president of the National League of Republican Clubs, will confer with Mr. Hitchcock. Mr. Hammond has been here for a week and has talked with Mr. Taft on several occasions on this subject.

Communications from many prominent Southerners have come to Mr. Hammond and others interested in the management of the recent Republican campaign suggesting that they organize Taft clubs throughout the South. Many of the letter writers are Democrats who are sick and tired of their party experience in the last twelve years. They say they would never think, however, of leaving the Democratic party for the Republican organization of the South. Yet they boast they are Taft men and they will be glad to join and support Taft clubs.

This plan to establish Taft clubs through the South will be undertaken by Mr. Hammond personally if he can see his way clear to spare the time from his own business enterprises. He will have his National League of Republican Clubs as a working basis for his efforts, although the league was not developed as fully in this section of the country as it was in the Northern States.

Mr. Hammond's interest in the movement is purely a service of love. He has said that he desired nothing at Mr. Taft's hands. He took up the National League of Republican Clubs in the same spirit at the beginning of the campaign, and starting with practically a defunct organization he ended with more than 2,000 clubs and an aggregate of 1,200,000 members. The purpose of that organization was to reach the young voters of the country.

While the slogan of the Taft clubs, it would seem, will be "Taft for himself," they will furnish an opening wedge for the spread of Republican propaganda in the South.

It is expected also that in counting among their members some of the substantial men in each community the way will be opened for a gradual elevation in tone of the regular Republican organization. It is likely that several Southerners who are interested in the Taft movement will have talks with both Mr. Hammond and Chairman Hitchcock here this week. Schell Smith, secretary of the National League of Republican Clubs, arrived to-day and will be here for the conference.

Secretary Sherrill of the Business Men's League, an organization which did a good deal of work in the large cities in the campaign, also is headed for Augusta. Mr. Sherrill, it is understood, believes that his organization might be able to help. His coming is interesting, however, as indicating that Mr. Taft is ready to listen to any suggestions and means business. The President-elect naturally has taken no stand in regard to the plan for the organization of Taft clubs through the South, but with the movement on under way it will undoubtedly have his active cooperation.

The establishment of Taft clubs as a medium for reaching the Southern voters will, however, be only a beginning of the problem. The real difficulty is to come over the question of patronage in the South. Mr. Taft, so his friends say, realizes the necessity of lifting the Republican organization in the South above the horde of officeholders who have been feeding at the crib for years. At the same time he appreciates, it is said, that there are worthy men in the organization in the South and that any system which would ignore them would be an injustice. Mr. Taft's friends are emphatic, however, in declaring that the Republican party in the South is no longer to be run for the convention votes which it will yield, but that there is to be a real effort on the part of Mr. Taft to put new and substantial life into the party and to make party conditions such that the South can vote as it feels.

Some of the Federal officeholders here are already suffering from chills and fever over the prospect. Two of them blew into Augusta to-day aghast at a report that Mr. Taft was going to look to Democrats in the South for information in regard to his appointments. What the two heard here was not quite as bad as that, but it was bad enough for them. Mr. Taft, it was said, might be inclined to accept the word of a Democrat if he was certain that the Democrat was more competent and better able to judge.

Mr. Taft himself, however, will probably have something interesting to say on this question of Republicanism in the South at the dinner of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce on January 15. A committee from Atlanta called on him to-day and fixed the date of his visit to that city. Atlanta is planning to make it a memorable event. The demand for seats at the dinner will be so great, it is said, that there is talk of holding it in the Armory.

Mr. Taft will be in Atlanta from about noon of the 15th until 3 o'clock in the afternoon of the next day.

Mr. Taft said to-day that he would make his headquarters while at Panama at Culebra. He will live with Col. Goethals. Daily excursions will be made from Culebra by Mr. Taft and the committee of experts. Mr. Taft will probably accompany the President-elect on the trip. Mr. Taft expects to be on the Isthmus a week and the entire trip will consume about three weeks.

Senator Knox, who has been invited by Mr. Taft to come on to Augusta to confer in regard to the Cabinet, will get here on January 4 or 5. It is likely that National Chairman Hitchcock will remain until the Senator arrives.

TAFT AND THE NEGRO VOTERS.

Put Himself Squarely on Record as to the So-Called Grandfather Clause.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 28.—President-elect Taft has squarely put himself on record as strongly opposed to the disqualification of negro voters by the "grandfather" clause.

The Democrats are making a hard fight for a Constitutional amendment in this State whose purpose is confessedly to keep out the uneducated and propertyless negro while opening the door to the white race. Judge Taft's North Carolina speech has been quoted by them as evidence that he is in favor of such an amendment.

The Republicans, who are making a strong effort to defeat it at the polls, have through Collector Stone sent a letter to Judge Taft advising him of the use being made by them as evidence that he is in favor of such an amendment.

His reply was made public to-night. In it he says the law is evidently intended to free the whites from educational or property qualifications and subject the negroes to them. "The whole law," he says, "ought to be condemned. It is not drawn in the spirit of justice and equality, regarding the Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments, and I sincerely hope that no Republican and no Democrat who desires equality of treatment to the black and white races will vote for it."

Collector Stone says other Republicans will use every possible effort to defeat the amendment which would give the Democrats absolute control of the State.

FELL 30 FEET WITH 3 CHILDREN.

Saved Them From Flames and All Harm, but Was Himself Badly Hurt.

DETROIT, Dec. 28.—In his frantic endeavor to save his family from a burning house at an early hour to-day William McKay, 29 years old, a painter, dropped from a third story window, a distance of thirty feet, with one child aged 2 years under his arm and another aged 9 on his back. The mother also jumped, receiving a broken arm. The children were unhurt, but the father's injuries consist of broken legs and a badly wrenched spine.

A 3 o'clock John Watson, owner of the building, went to the basement to fix the furnace, and when he returned the stairway was on fire and all avenues of escape cut off to the dozen sleepers on the upper floors. He ran for a ladder, which was too short to be of any use, and then hurried for a longer one. On his return he found the McKays family lying on the ground. Other members of the household escaped down ladders.

"Clung to the window as long as I could," said McKay, "thinking I could hold on until they reached me with a ladder, but my strength gave out, and I felt the fire scorching my fingers. My wife climbed out the window and dropped. I had one child in my arm and another on my back, both crying."

That some of the family were not killed by the fall on the frozen ground is considered almost miraculous.

EXPECT TEED TO COME TO LIFE.

His Followers in Washington Prepared to Give Him an Enthusiastic Reception.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Dr. Cyrus R. Teed, who died in Florida last Tuesday, is to be "resuscitated," according to the by-laws and constitution of the Korean Unit Society, and is to walk the streets of Washington in a few days.

E. B. Webster, who manages the affairs of the Unit in this city, makes the announcement of Dr. Teed's proposed visit. When Dr. Teed became unconscious last week he was declared dead by competent physicians. The body lay in state until Teed's wife, who is supposed to be one of the high priestesses of the order, arrived there from this city to complete details of the burial ceremony to take place while the sun was setting. Followers of Teed believe the dead are bleated when buried just as the sun goes down. Teed, however, had declared that he would never die, and when asked concerning this Manager Webster said:

"We do not take the same view of death as the world does, and the doctor will surely be with us again."

There are more than 500 followers of Teed in this city and they intend to give him an enthusiastic reception if he arrives here.

PAT WAS ONLY DRINKING.

But the Telegraph Made It "Dying" and His Wife Sues for \$1,100 Damages.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Ethel Manning of Minneapolis to-day petitioned the District Court to grant her \$1,100 damages against the Western Union Telegraph Company for an alleged mistake in a message. Mrs. Manning says in her complaint that her husband, Patrick Manning, is addicted to the use of liquor and in the month of September, 1908, went on a spree.

Mrs. Manning, wishing to notify his brother, sent the following message: "Pat is drinking; come at once." Instead of this message Mrs. Manning asserts that the telegraph company sent a message saying: "Pat is dying; come at once."

When L. G. Manning, the brother, received the message he took matters into his own hands and telegraphed all the relatives living in Clinton, Ia., Chicago and Fall River, Mass., to be present at Patrick's wake.

Mr. Manning was much surprised to have the relatives come pouring in several days later, and when the mistake was discovered Mrs. Manning says that she had to pay all the expenses of her guests, amounting to \$150.30. She asks the additional \$1,000 for damages to her nerves.

Eight Years for Stealing Eight Cents.

SAFETY, Dec. 28.—Eight years in prison for stealing eight copper cents from an Oakland store was the punishment dealt out to-day to George Gron, who with a companion entered the store. Gron pleaded guilty. This sentence is in starting contrast to a year and a half given to J. Daholl Brown, who wrecked the California Safe Deposit and Trust Company and robbed 1,200 depositors of nearly \$50,000. Brown was tried only on one count, and he is now here in charge of a deputy enjoying the holidays because of his promise to give testimony against others in the bank wreck. All the other indictments against Brown have been dismissed.

DEWEY'S WINDS FOR NEW YEAR'S.
Dewey's Winds always give Satisfaction.
H. T. Dewey & Sons, 139 Fulton St., New York.
—Ad—

POLICE LAWYER ARRESTED

ACCUSED OF DOCTORING RECORDS
TO REINSTATE A COP.

"Testimony" Alleged to Have Been Inserted So Very Favorable That the Appellate Division Quoted It and Then Bingham Saw It for the First Time.

Jacob Rous, Louis J. Grant's law partner, was arrested yesterday by Detectives McConville and Nelson of the Central Office and arraigned before Magistrate Finn at the Tombs, where he was charged with procuring by false pretenses the signature of Police Commissioner Bingham to certain falsified trial records, on the strength of which Policeman Herman Ringelman was reinstated by the courts after his dismissal by the Commissioner. Rous is also charged with misconduct as an attorney. The first charge is a felony and the second a misdemeanor. He gave \$1,000 bail on the first charge and \$500 on the second, and Magistrate Finn set the hearing for Wednesday afternoon.

Rous and his partner, Louis Grant, who has not been active of late, have made a specialty of the cases of policemen dismissed from the department who try to get back and frequently do get back. Mr. Grant, according to Assistant District Attorney Kindelberger, who has the case in charge, is in no way concerned in his partner's troubles.

Ringelman was dismissed on a charge of attempting to induce witnesses in the cases against Capt. Louis Wendel to leave the jurisdiction of the court, and on the supposed records of the trial the Appellate Division put him back.

Ringelman was represented by Rous at the police trial, at which Deputy Commissioner O'Keefe presided. The minutes of such trials are sent to the Commissioner for action, and in addition to the copy sent to the Commissioner four others are made in compliance with the rule which says that such copies shall be filed in the complaint clerk's office at Police Headquarters. J. H. Haggerty, a police stenographer, who died eight months ago, took the notes of the case. According to Mr. Kindelberger, Haggerty, who was a friend of Rous, took the copies which should have been filed in the complaint clerk's office to Mr. Rous, and Rous, according to the affidavits in the Assistant District Attorney's possession, changed the minutes so as to make a better case for Ringelman. To this end answers were changed from yes to no and the contrary, objections were introduced and whole paragraphs of testimony were cut out or pretended testimony was introduced. The amended minutes were copied off at Rous's stenographer, Miss Elizabeth Murphy, who made the proper number of copies of the spurious document for Haggerty to file with the complaint clerk.

What became of the originals does not appear. When Police Headquarters was furnished with the false documents Rous got out a writ of certiorari and the Corporation Counsel's office sent to Police Headquarters for the papers. The complaint clerk of course sent on one of the "amended" copies, and the Corporation Counsel after affixing the formal papers sent the lot to Commissioner Bingham for his signature, which would certify that the papers were the original record. Commissioner Bingham took it for granted that the papers were true copies and signed his name.

The doctored minutes went to the court and the scheme might have worked without a hitch had not the Appellate Division been so impressed by the evidence favorable to Ringelman as to quote from it in its decision ordering the reinstatement. Commissioner Bingham was puzzled when he read the excerpts of evidence upon which the court had based its action. He couldn't remember having read any such evidence when the record was originally referred to him and he became enough interested to look up his original copy of the minutes and make a comparison. There was no such testimony there as the Appellate Division had quoted.

The Commissioner after consulting with the Corporation Counsel's office employed John T. McGovern, a law clerk in the office of Prayer, Stotesbury & Gregg of 141 Broadway, to dig into the case. McGovern got from Elizabeth Murphy, Rous's stenographer, an affidavit in which she tells how Haggerty brought to the lawyer's office the original stenographic notes of the policeman's trial and of making the copies after Rous had amended the original. The young woman swears that the changes in the original minutes were in Rous's handwriting. She says that she was told by Rous that Haggerty was an incompetent stenographer and that the changes and copying of the work were necessary to save him his job. Frank McCoy, an office boy employed by Grant & Rous, tells of helping Miss Murphy to compare the changed copy with the original, and John F. Burke, the Headquarters complaint clerk, makes affidavit to writing up Haggerty's original notes from a phonographic record. The phonograph, Burke swears, spoke in Haggerty's voice. Burke's work was done on an Underwood typewriter, while, according to experts, the changed copy which went to court was done on a Remington.

Rous refused yesterday to discuss his case further than to ask that the public reserve decision until he had a hearing. Magistrate Finn seemed to think it a rather good joke on the Police Commissioner that he had been led to sign doctored papers which resulted in the reinstatement of a dismissed policeman. "How much bail do you think ought to be asked of a man who is accused of getting Bingham to make a fool of himself?" the court asked Mr. Kindelberger, and then proceeded in the face of a mild protest to fix a reasonably light bail.

All Beerfoot Farm Sausages are made at the Farm, in Southbury, Mass. They succeed in giving to choice markets the best and cleanest of the preparation. —Ad—

Mr. Kindelberger said yesterday that he had reason to believe that the records of evidence in police trials had been doctored in four or five other cases and that he was making an investigation.

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ELEPHANT THREW HIM 30 FEET.

Watchman's Experience With Puncta. Loose at Luna Park.

Puncta, one of the three elephants quartered at Luna Park for the winter, broke the chain on his leg last night and walked through the open door of the stable where the elephants and horses are kept. He struck the fence surrounding the lagoon and then knocked down two decorative flower pots along the boardwalk near the dance hall.

By this time Puncta had attracted the attention of Night Watchmen John Finn and Andrew Allison, who were in that part of the park. They tried to coax the elephant back to the stable and Puncta picked Finn up and threw him fifty feet across the dance hall floor.

Allison ran out and rang a big bell that summoned the two other watchmen, Charles Piper and Julius Mehring. They picked Finn up unconscious and called in Dr. John W. Pierce of West Eighth street, who found that Finn was merely badly bruised.

The three watchmen finally got Puncta to put his foot into the loop of a heavy rope and tied him to a post until he calmed down. Then they walked him back to the stable.

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"The present waste and extravagance is a crime against the public welfare. It is not enough to know that we have been robbed by political grifters, but we must hold the men responsible for this graft and waste up where they may be punished by public condemnation. Mr. Schieffelin said that the situation was much more serious because the new Charter Revision Commission proposed to have members of the Board of Estimate elected at large. He said that the organization would be more careful than ever this year at Albany in watching the proposed changes."

JOKE ON MARK TWAIN.
He Sees the Point When the Elephant Promised to Him Arrives.

DANBURY, Dec. 28.—Redding, where Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) lives in comparative retirement in an Italian villa, is laughing over a practical joke on Mr. Clemens that was concocted by Robert J. Collier, the New York publisher. Mr. Collier wrote to Miss Lucy Clemens, the secretary, a few days before Christmas that he had arranged to give the humorist an elephant for a Christmas present. He asked them to prepare a place for it and the members of the family in consternation at the thought of such an addition to the live stock on the place, but unwilling to risk an injury to Mr. Collier's feelings, prepared to turn the garage into elephant quarters.

A few days later a load of hay was received with the compliments of Mr. Collier, who sent word that it was for the elephant to eat. Next came a man who introduced himself as Prof. May, professional elephant trainer, who caused the garage floor to be strengthened in preparation for the arrival of the beast, which was to be along the following day. The elephant arrived at night and Mr. Collier wished to view his gift he disappeared in the garage a paper-maché elephant about as big as a full grown animal. The humorist declares that the joke was a better one than any he ever produced.

32,000 TICKETS STOLEN.

Arrest of Subway Inspector Reveals Huge Traffic in Cut Rate Slips.

When a subway inspector was arrested two weeks ago for being drunk 800 tickets were found in his pockets. The tickets had been used but ironed out so that they would pass for new. An investigation was started by the Interborough company and it was estimated that 32,000 tickets had been stolen and resold in the last three months.

Yesterday afternoon the Interborough had Abraham Zelnickoff of 133rd street and Lenox avenue and Ruben Goldberg of 103rd street and Broadway, newsmen, and Julius Schuller of 328 West 149th street summoned to the Harlem court. Schuller said that three months ago he was hired to iron out a bunch of subway tickets, for which he was to receive \$12 a week and later \$20 a week wages. He said the tickets were given to him by the inspector who was arrested.

The tickets were then sold at the news-stands, who in turn sold them to their customers at a reduced rate.

Lawyer Moulton of the Interborough asked Magistrate House to adjourn the case for further investigation. The two newsmen and Schuller were told to come back to court next Thursday.

Congressmen Sail for Panama.

This came to the United Wireless Company from the steamship Alliance last night.

Ss. Alliance arrived in Charleston, S. C., 4:17 P. M. to-day; left at 4:32 P. M. passed out at Charleston lightship 5:51 P. M. Took aboard thirty-five passengers, members of Congressional party bound for inspection work on the canal. They will return about January 15.

AGUSTA, CHARLESTON, SUMMERVILLE AND SOUTH, S. S. A. M. and S. S. P. M. Success in giving to choice markets the best and cleanest of the preparation. —Ad—

\$20,000 FOR LEISURELY YEGGS

UP THROUGH FLOOR INTO JACK-
LE'S JEWELRY STORE.

Ripped an Old Safe Open and Took Everything. With Suit Cases to Carry the Loot—Fire in the Neighborhood Had Drawn Policemen Off Their Posts.

Yeggmen leisurely cleared out the jewelry store of Oscar C. Jackle at 805 Third avenue early yesterday morning, packed \$20,000 worth of watches, diamond pins and brooches into a pair of Jackle's suit cases, added \$5,000 in bills and made their getaway over the back fence.

Probably they took advantage of a fire in Fifty-fifth street not far from Third avenue, which drew the police away from post and gave them plenty of time to pick and choose from Jackle's stock. In other ways the yeggs displayed cunning and forethought, carefully planning the burglary, familiarizing themselves with the lay of the old store, turning a difficult piece of work into the softest kind of a job, withdrawing without leaving any clues of value and altogether providing the detectives with a problem as puzzling as any which has occupied the talents of Gen. Bingham's thief catchers for several years.

The father of Oscar C. Jackle, Carl, started the business at 385 Third avenue in 1872, prospering so well that he came to own the brick buildings at 801 and 803. Three years ago, feeling a little old for active business, he turned the store over to his son, who added to the stock and increased the patronage. Were old Carl had \$10,000 worth of stock (Oscar, the son, placed goods worth \$25,000, dealing mostly in watches valued at from \$10 to \$100, rings sold at from \$5 to \$150, brooches worth perhaps from \$10 up to \$30 and so on. Carl Jackle and his wife lived directly over the store, Oscar Jackle and his wife on the third floor.

When he closed on Saturday night at about 11 o'clock the son selected the most valuable jewelry from the showcases and placed the trays in the old safe that had been holding the shop's valuables since the business started. It contained also \$5,000 in packages of bills which Mr. Jackle intended to deposit at the Fifth Avenue Bank yesterday morning.

After closing up young Mr. Jackle and his wife went to Terrace Garden, returning about 1 o'clock Sunday morning. The store was all right then, because Mr. Jackle looked. On Sunday morning he selected a few diamond rings and a diamond brooch from the safe so that his wife might wear them for the day. When the Jackles returned home Sunday night at 8 o'clock young Mr. Jackle went upstairs from the store and there were no signs that thieves had been around. Finally, at 10 o'clock on Sunday night, the elder Mrs. Jackle, who always made a round of the house and cellar to see "that things were straight," looked up.

At 8 o'clock yesterday morning young Mr. Jackle opened the store and immediately telephoned for the police. The door of the old safe was open and the interior was as bare as the sidewalk case. The next instant Mr. Jackle saw how the thieves had turned the trick.

Three of them, very likely a "sly cat" to slouch up and down and keep a lookout, the "soup man," who didn't have to use nitroglycerine after all, and the "big gun," who kept his eyes and ears busy inside the store, ready to kill, if necessary, while the "soup man" worked, had been active, the detectives figured.

Evidently one of the gang had studied the ground plan of the store so that when the time for business came around no mistakes were made. The burglars got to the rear of the house from a vacant lot in Fifty-third street and over a six foot fence. Then they levered the iron bars which protected a cellar window and made their way under the floor of the store. In order not to come up in the blaze of electric light in the Jackle shop the yeggs worked their way through the dark cellar until they came immediately under the flooring of a small room adjoining the main shop, a room which Jackle, who is an optician as well as a jeweler, used for the examination of the eyes of customers. This room was dark. They cut a hole two feet square in the plank flooring, as neat a job as the best of carpenters could accomplish with keen edged tools, and crawled up to the ground level.

They had thought the old safe more worthy of their special talents than it proved to be. First they drilled a hole to plug with nitroglycerine so they could blow off the combination, but a little tinkering showed them that so much energy wasn't necessary. Then with cold chisels and a jimmy they ripped off the combination knob and lock and were inside. The inner door wasn't locked.

Out of the safe the yeggs took forty-seven trays of watches, rings, pins and brooches. There were also watches, Mr. Jackle thought, and dozens of scarfpins, brooches and rings set with diamonds, pearls, emeralds and less valuable stones. The jeweller figured that \$20,000 was a conservative estimate of the value of the lot. The packages of money were in an inner compartment, ready to the hands of the thieves.

They left the way they went in the doors and the windows were not disturbed. One of the detectives spied marks on the back fence. Mr. Jackle had a pair of suit cases in the store, and these were missing.

Mr. Jackle had the numbers of the watches in his stock book, and he gave them to the detectives yesterday, so a round of the pawnshops was commenced. Of the other articles he could give only a very general description, as most of them, he said, were new stock and he hadn't had time to invoice them carefully.

He carried \$10,000 in burglar insurance and the thieves considerably left behind his policies, which occupied a drawer in the safe with the cash.

Fined \$15,000 for Accepting Rebates.

LEWIS ROCK, Ark., Dec. 28.—Judge Trier to-day assessed a fine of \$15,000 against T. B. Bunch, the Little Rock grain dealer, for accepting rebates from the Iron Mountain Railroad Company. Mr. Bunch pleaded guilty in three cases, and the fine assessed by the Court is \$5,000 in each case. Similar indictments are pending against the Iron Mountain and former Traffic Manager Stoth of that road.

SPERRY'S FLEET PASSES ADEN.

U. S. Battleships Home Bound Just About to Enter the Red Sea.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ADEN, Arabia, Dec. 28.—Rear Admiral Sperry's fleet of sixteen American battleships passed here to-day on its way to Suez.

ABE CATCHES AN EAGLE.

Stupid After Meal and Fight With a Misguided Harlem Cat.

A big gray eagle supposed to have escaped from Central Park or the Bronx Zoo was captured in a yard at 1624 Madison avenue early yesterday by Abraham Pfeffer and taken to the East 104th street police station. It there awaits a claimant.

Young Pfeffer, who lives with his folks on the second floor of a tenement house, heard a strange noise in the yard and went down to investigate. He saw something which looked like a big ball sitting near a refuse barrel munching a piece of meat. The boy got a lantern and discovered the object's identity. The yard was strewn with fur, and somebody yelled down from upstairs that a pet cat had recently vaulted away over a fence after his own. The bird was so full that Pfeffer had little trouble in getting him into a burlap bag.

The eagle is fully two feet tall and measures nearly eight feet from tip to tip of his wings. The policemen to whom Pfeffer took him put him into a wooden crate for safe keeping.

MRS. TOWER GETS SEPARATION.

The Court Directs Her Husband to Pay \$700 a Month and \$1,500 Counsel Fees.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Dec. 28.—The divorce suit of Mary B. Tower against A. Edward Tower was closed to-day, when a final decree in separation to Mrs. Tower was filed by Justice Keogh in the Dutchess County Clerk's office. The Court allows Mrs. Tower \$700 a month alimony and gives \$1,500 additional to the plaintiff's attorney, Charles Morschauer.

Mrs. Tower was formerly Mary Bogardus, a telephone operator in the local exchange.

COGGEY ASKED TO RESIGN?

Commissioner of Correction May Get Out This Week.

The Commissioner of Correction, John V. Coggey, refused to confirm last night a report that he had been asked by a representative of Mayor McClellan to resign and that he would resign on Wednesday. He did not deny it. He simply would not talk about it.

It has been reported about the City Hall for several days that he would be retired. The talk was that Francis J. Lantry would succeed him.

It was some of Coggey's delegates who defeated the re-nomination of Senator McCall last fall.

Fire Commissioner Hayes, who is a sick man, is also said to be likely to retire.

WOULDN'T RENT TO TAFT.

Report That the President-Elect Failed to Get an Antiquarian Cottage.

GLoucester, Dec. 28.—Antiquarian, a picturesque old fishing village, a sea-shore suburb of Gloucester, has been visited by an agent from a Boston real estate agency who offered a high price to Mrs. Adele R. Lingard of The Pines for a two year lease of her place. He said that he was acting for President-elect Taft and his brothers.

President-elect Taft, he said, desired to come to the north shore next summer and wanted a place affording some seclusion. The Lingard place, including a commodious residence with grounds of twenty-five acres, a tennis court and a garage, and an adjoining cottage for servants' quarters, was just what was desired.

Mrs. Lingard declined the offer.

CASTRO'S BROTHER A REFUGEE.

Has Fled With Other Army Officers to Colombia—Des Moines at Wilmington.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

WILMINGTON, Delaware, Dec. 28.—Gen. Celestino Castro, brother of ex-President Castro of Venezuela, and several other army officers have fled the country and taken refuge in the United States of Colombia.

Gen. Castro had command of the troops in Caracas and one of his regiments mutinied when President Gomez seized office.

The United States gunboat Des Moines reached here to-day. When off this port she was in communication with another American warship supposed to be the armored cruiser North Carolina.

DIDN'T CLIMB CAPITOL STEPS.

Gov. Hughes Had Policemen on the Spot to Prevent the Exhibition.

ALBANY, Dec. 28.—An automobile travelling from the Pacific Coast to New York city passed through Albany to-day. Last week permission was given by the Capitol building authorities for the car to ride up the front Capitol approach of